

SENATOR SAVAGE: Senator Lamb can answer that for me. I would defer to Senator Lamb.

SENATOR MARESH: Senator Lamb, do you want to answer the question?

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. Chairman, I believe there are two Barnett amendments. One of them is the general file amendment to LB 21, dated January 6th. The other one is a different amendment. Here it is, dated March 25, 1977. I believe that is the one that is being deleted because with Senator Savage's amendment this first amendment of Senator Barnett's is no longer apropos, it does not apply.

SENATOR MARESH: Thank you. I too support the Savage amendment. I think this would cause quite a hardship for people that have cheap boats to have to pay this high registration fee.

PRESIDENT: Senator Dworak.

SENATOR DWORAK: Mr. President, colleagues, I bought the oratory, last week, of the safety measure of this particular matter. Senator Fitzgerald, in his elegance, discussed the possibility of that canoe or that row boat going down the Missouri River and pulling all these rescue squads out because there is no identifying numbers on it. I'm not so sure that that still is not the basic intent of this bill. It's not a revenue bill. I was told that it was a safety bill. I think we have a bigger problem with safety on canoes and row boats and that type of water craft than we do on the more expensive, larger craft. If revenue is a problem, rather than amending these types of water craft out of it, reduce the fee on it if that is the problem. Make it a break even proposition whereby if I own a canoe or a row boat or something like that it doesn't become a revenue measure, but I have to put the numbers on and the numbers have to be registered with the appropriate people so that we do have that safety check. I think it's a good idea. I think the Coast Guard is right. I think now, all of a sudden, we're willing to sacrifice everything. All of a sudden our emphasis is on revenue and that disturbs me. I'd like to oppose the Savage amendment very strongly and keep these water craft in there. I think I kind of agree with Senator Marsh on the commercial canoes. That cost is passed on to the user of the canoe, or the renter, or the leasee, or whatever. I think the benefits that user gets far exceed the cost. I have two youngsters that are involved with water craft. I think if they were on a river someplace and that craft went down I would want that craft identified just as soon as possible. I oppose the Savage amendment, striking the Barnett amendment. I think we should keep perspective of this bill the way it was initially introduced and the way it was initially presented, as a safety measure. That is what we're talking about. Now if we're talking about a revenue measure, and that is solely our concern here, I don't think I'll support the bill at all. But if we are addressing this from a safety point of view, and we have tangible evidence that we are sincere in the safety proposition of it, then let's reject this particular amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Barnett. Senator Koch.